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SUBJ: FOLLOW-UP ON PUERTO RICO IN THE COMMITTEE
OF 24

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1. I CALLED ON SECRETARY GENERAL OF FOREIGN OFFICE,
SEYDOU TRAORE, THIS MORNING, REVIEWED THE VOTE IN THE
COMMITTEE OF 24, MADE POINTS A, B, AND C OF REFTTEL, AND
ASKED TRAORE TO TRANSMIT MY DEMARCHE TO THE GOVERNMENT.

2. IN RESPONSE, TRAORE, WHO WAS OBVIOUSLY EXPECTING
A DEMARCHE, SAID HE WOULD TRANSMIT OUR VIEWS TO THE
GOVT. BUT THAT HE HAD CERTAIN OBSERVATIONS TO MAKE.
FIRST, AS WE KNEW, IT HAD BEEN THE MALIAN DELEGATE
WHO HAD MODIFIED THE ORIGINAL RESOLUTION TO REMOVE
THE TWO CLAUSES THAT HE HAD UNDERSTOOD WE CONSIDERED
TO BE OBJECTIONABLE, THAT IS, THE REFERENCE TO OBSERVER
STATUS FOR THE PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT
AND THE QTE TRANSFER OF POWER END QTE TO THE PUERTO
RICAN PEOPLE. IN THE MALIAN VIEW, THE AMENDED
RESOLUTION DID NOT BRING INTO QUESTION INDEPENDENCE
FOR PUERTO RICO NOR DID IT CONSTITUTE INTERFERENCE
IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED STATES. SINCE
MALI WAS A CO-SPONSOR OF THE AMENDED RESOLUTION IT
COULD HARDLY VOTE AGAINST ITS OWN RESOLUTION WITHOUT
COMPLETELY DESTROYING ITS CREDIBILITY IN THE

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UNITED NATIONS. THE MALIAN DELEGATION TO THE UNITED

NATIONS CONSIDERED THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE SYRIAN RESOLUTION TO BE A SATISFACTORY OUTCOME EVEN THOUGH AS A CO-SPONSOR THEY WERE UNABLE TO VOTE FOR ITS POSTPONEMENT. THUS, THE MALIAN VOTE, RATHER THAN BEING DIRECTED AGAINST THE U.S. WAS SIMPLY A REASONABLE CONSEQUENCE OF THEIR CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE AMENDED RESOLUTION.

3. TRAORE SAID THAT IT WAS REALLY AN EXAGGERATION TO SAY THAT MALI HAD ALIGNED ITSELF WITH THE COMMUNIST BLOC. MALI VOTES IN THE UNITED NATIONS ACCORDING TO ITS OWN VIEWS; SOMETIMES IT JOINS A GROUP OF COUNTRIES FROM THE WEST, SOMETIMES IT IS IN COMPANY WITH COUNTRIES FROM THE EAST, AND SOMETIMES THERE IS A MIXTURE OF ALL COUNTRIES ON ANY ISSUE. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE FOUND POINT (C) TO BE SOMEWHAT STRONG. MALI CONSIDERS THAT IT IS UP TO THE GROUP OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT MALI HAS ABANDONED ITS POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT. HE REITERATED THAT HE WOULD TRANSMIT OUR DEMARCHE TO THE GOVT, AND IF THERE WERE ANY FURTHER RESPONSE HE WOULD LET ME KNOW.

4. WE THEN HAD A GENERAL DISCUSSION OVER WHETHER PUERTO RICO AS A COMMONWEALTH WAS IN FACT AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE UNITED STATES AND WHETHER DISCUSSION OF PUERTO RICO IN THE UNITED NATIONS WAS INTERFERENCE IN THE INTEGRAL AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED STATES. DURING THIS DISCUSSION, TRAORE SAID, SPEAKING PERSONALLY, THAT IN HIS VIEW WE THE UNITED STATES WERE ATTACKING THE PROBLEM IN THE WRONG WAY. HE SAID THAT ONCE AN ITEM WAS INSCRIBED ON THE AGENDA IT REMAINED THERE UNTIL IT WAS REMOVED. THE UNITED STATES SHOULD, THEREFORE, WORK TO HAVE THE PUERTO RICAN ITEM REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA RATHER THAN TRYING TO PREVENT DISCUSSION OF IT, BECAUSE OTHERWISE AT EVERY SESSION THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION WOULD HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO RAISE THE ITEM AND SOMEONE WOULD BE CERTAIN TO INTRODUCE A RESOLUTION THEREON.

5. COMMENT: I HAVE THE STRONG IMPRESSION THAT THE
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MALIANS REALLY FELT THAT BY TAKING THE INITIATIVE TO DELETE WHAT THEY CONSIDERED TO BE THE OPERATIVE CLAUSES OF THE ORIGINAL CUBAN RESOLUTION (BAMAKO 3112), THEY HAD DONE US A FAVOR. I AM NOT AT ALL CERTAIN, BUT THE TIMING RAISES THE POSSIBILITY THAT MALIAN CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE SYRIAN RESOLUTION MAY HAVE TAKEN PLACE BEFORE INSTRUCTIONS WERE RECEIVED FROM BAMAKO, AND THE MALIANS FOUND THEMSELVES OUT ON A LIMB FROM

WHICH THEY COULD NOT CRAWL BACK. AT ONE POINT IN OUR SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS ON THIS QUESTION, TRAORE COMMENTED THAT THE MALIAN DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS HAD IN THE PAST BEEN GIVEN VIRTUAL CARTE BLANCHE, BUT THAT HE WAS GOING TO RECTIFY THAT SITUATION AND QTE GET THEM UNDER CONTROL END QTE. THIS MORNING HE SAID THAT ONE SIMPLY COULD NOT WITHDRAW FROM A FORMAL POSITION WITHOUT EITHER CALLING INTO QUESTION THE AUTHORITY OF A COUNTRY'S REPRESENTATIVE OR APPEARING TO BE A COUNTRY THAT TOOK POSITIONS WITHOUT DUE CONSIDERATION.

AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, SEYDOU TRAORE HAS RECENTLY RETURNED FROM WASHINGTON WHERE HE SERVED FOR SEVERAL YEARS AS MALIAN AMBASSADOR. WHILE WE SHOULD NOT OVERESTIMATE HIS INFLUENCE ON RULING MILITARY COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION, I BELIEVE TRAORE MAY BE ABLE TO MAKE SOME HEADWAY IN EXPLAINING TO MALIAN LEADERSHIP THAT UNITED STATES, UNLIKE MALI, DOES INDEED TAKE UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS SERIOUSLY AND THAT MALIAN ACTION ON PUERTO RICAN RESOLUTION HAS AFFECTED OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS IN NEGATIVE WAY.

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